

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Indiana Regulated Amusement Device**  
**Safety Board**  
**Held At**  
**Indiana Government Center South**  
**402 W. Washington Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**  
**Conference Room 12**

October 15, 2014

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by Ted Bumbleburg, Chairman, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on October 15, 2014. A quorum was found to be present.

- (a) The following Board members were present:

Ted Bumbleburg, Vice-Chairman  
Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements  
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers  
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association  
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance  
James Oliver, Holiday World  
Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section

The following Board members were not present:

Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC

- (b) The following departmental staff were present:

Pamela Walters, Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

- (c) The following persons were also present:

Dean Illingworth, State Law Compliance Officer  
Michael Deweese, Legal and Code Services intern

Chairman Bumbleburg introduced James Oliver as their newest member, filling the position of Mike Kamp. Mr. Oliver gave a short biographical sketch of his experience, and was welcomed to the Board. Tom Hendricks then introduced Pam Walters, a new legal representative for Indiana Department of Homeland Security, who will be assuming the responsibilities and duties of Mara Snyder for the Amusement Board.

2. Minutes

Chairman Bumbleburg asked for a motion to approve, or for any corrections to be made to, the minutes of the July 10, 2014, meeting. A motion was made by Max Fitzpatrick, and seconded by Lee Geiling, to accept the minutes as submitted. It was voted upon and approved.

3. Old Business

Tom Hendricks noted that Mara Snyder had not given him any information concerning any contacts having been made to sponsor any legislation as of yet. A brief history of the position of the Board was given for the benefit of the new members in attendance. It was noted that the members of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board wished to regulate the operation of inflatable amusement devices at festivals and other public events, not the “backyard” inflatable devices. They will need to pursue a legislative path to achieve this, since the devices were exempted in the state statute. Dean Illingworth had asked approximately how many inflatable devices were thought to be in Indiana. It was estimated that there were 15 to 20 inflatable operators through the carnivals, and slightly fewer independent operators. Mr. Illingworth commended the Board for working towards safety before something happens to someone. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated he had talked with Woody Burton and John Price, and both had said they would sponsor legislation.

Zip lines were also discussed. Mr. Hendricks asked that, if the Board intended to regulate zip lines, he needed a start date so that he could advertise to the public that enforcement would begin, and he could get his men trained. It was asked why zip lines were just now being regulated. Mr. Hendricks explained that they were now becoming popular, but had been part of C.O.P.E. courses previously and not included in regulations. It was noted that there was no need to create rules for zip lines as there are rules in place currently which zip lines, if they are deemed an amusement ride and therefore subject to regulation, would be held to, and which, most importantly, included the requirement to provide proof of insurance. Mr. Hendricks was asked who had the authority to decide what was an amusement device. He replied that he felt it was a decision to be made by himself, the State Fire Marshal, and the Building Law Compliance officer, with input by legal staff. It was also suggested that they should have a recommendation by the Amusement Device Board. Trackless trains were briefly discussed, and the use as

transportation which would exempt them from inspection by his men. Tim Bohlander moved that zip lines would begin being inspected by April 1, 2015. David Dahl made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

4. New Business

Tom Hendricks moved that Justin Forkner 1. be authorized to serve as administrative law judge for the Amusement Device Safety Board including without limitations and authority to assume all pending administrative cases before the Board with the ultimate authority for these actions resting with the Board, 2. act as administrative law judge for all new cases which come before the Board with the ultimate authority for the actions resting with the Commission 3. Hear and rule upon petitions and stays of enforcement as ultimate authority for the Board and 4. Hear and decide appeals to emergency orders issued in respect to one or more violations of the Board's statutes or rules as ultimate authority for the Commission. Tim Bohlander made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

Monster truck rides were discussed. A truck had been modified by a citizen to serve as a "monster truck" ride at a carnival. Mr. Bohlander felt it qualified as an amusement ride since it was not used for any other purpose on a regular basis. Indy car rides and hot air balloons were also mentioned. It was felt that the regulations of monster truck rides needed to be considered by the regulator authority.

6. Report from Chief Inspector

Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section, reported that he and his inspectors had done 690 annual inspections and 76 periodic inspections. There had been four complaints inspected and verified, and re-inspected the ride. There had been only one injury, which occurred at Wabash County Fairgrounds. He also mentioned the incident at the Indianapolis Zoo in which the sky ride at the Indianapolis Zoo Orangutan exhibit had become inoperable due to a gearbox malfunction, trapping some riders for a period of time while the emergency procedures were put into action.

7. Dates for upcoming year

The meetings for 2015 will be as follows: January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marriott East at 12:30 p.m, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center, July 15<sup>th</sup> tentatively at Holiday World, and October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Government Center. Lee Geiling made a motion that the meeting dates as proposed be accepted. Tim Bohlander made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

8. Adjourn

Calling for any further business and hearing none, Chairman Bumbleburg closed the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Ted Bumbleburg, Chairman